

TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of June 18, 2012

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on

Monday, June 18, 2012

in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM

at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:43 pm

Members Present: Louise Belisle, Gwen Cunningham, Jeffrey Harris, Linda Frye, Elizabeth Martin

Members Absent: Daniel Couture, Jeffrey Fontaine

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes.

Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2012 Meeting

Approval for the minutes from the May 14, 2012 meeting was unanimous.

Applications

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 219 Great Road, Plat 6 Lot 119, Union Village Historic District.

Owner: John St. Sauveur

The Commission reviewed the application, as submitted. The work proposed consists of stripping the existing slate shingle roofing materials on the house, and as may be required, repairing any damage to the roof structure and sheathing; installing ice and water shield, new underlayment, new drip edging, necessary flashings where needed, and new asphalt roof shingles. The new asphalt shingles were not identified as to their specific manufacturer and type, but a sample was provided.

The Commission made the following Resolution:

1. The Commission was unable to substantiate the claim of 219 Great Road as exempt from the Union Village Historic District; and
2. Upon preliminary study and investigation of 219 Great Road, it was disclosed that certain established procedures were circumvented, not only with the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of North Smithfield for acquiring a building permit, but also with the rules and regulations of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission in applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness; and
3. Based upon the actions above, the Commission has moved to admonish and subsequently press for stringent monitoring for failure to comply with the Town of North Smithfield Zoning Ordinances; and

4. It was determined that the Alteration/ Remodeling/ Repair specified above is essentially an economical and reasonable choice, and therefore is appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application, as submitted, for a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

Motion to Approve:	Member
Seconded:	Member
All in favor	
Opposed:	None

- B. A written Resolution (#06182012-A) and a Certificate of Appropriateness will be forwarded to the applicant and submitted for record to the Office of the Building Inspector. The applicant has been advised to submit an application for review by the Commission should any other exterior changes requiring a building permit arise.

Communications

- A. Linda Frye attended the Open Meetings Law workshop held in North Smithfield and briefed the Commission members in attendance.
- B. Distribution of Preservation Brief (14) was postponed to next meeting.
- C. It has been brought to the attention of the Commission that an outbuilding located on the property of 269 Great Road is allegedly an historic 'Icehouse.' Although this property is not located within the Union Village Historic District, and therefore does not fall within the purview of the NSHDC, two Commission members (Gwen C. and Jeffrey H.) did make a site visit to assess the structure, and also conducted some preliminary research that as of this date is unfortunately inconclusive. The structure itself is in a very dilapidated state of disrepair from what appears to be many years of neglect. Pending any further research that may deem the property of an intrinsic historic value for the town, state, or nation, the Commission at this point finds the structure of no real architectural value and beyond salvage, and would promote demolition for the safety and welfare of the owners and the community; but ultimately would leave that decision up to the property owners.

Old Business

- A. The review of the revised application for a Certificate of Appropriateness including a form for recording a List of Abutters and a standard notification letter for Abutters has been tabled indefinitely pending communications with the Building Inspector and/or Planning Department offices, and further research for pertinent statutes of the RI General Laws.

New Business

- A. A brief review of the status of properties listed for sale in Union Village Historic District is as follows:
 1. 178 Great Road, Plat 6 Lot 52, "Almy-Marble House," currently listed for sale.
 2. 20 Westwood Road, Plat 6 Lot 217, currently listed for sale.
 3. 71 Great Road, Plat 9 Lot 15, had its listing removed on 05/26/2012.
 4. 199 Great Road, Plat 6 Lot 40, was sold on 05/16/2012.
- B. A motion was made and approved by all in attendance to devote the next meeting, July 16, 2012 as a work session to review the logistics and expedite the informational letter to all property owners within the Union Village Historic District; this will be contingent on the Agenda of the next meeting having no applications for review.

- C. Subcommittee Report: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
1. Research continues; nothing to report at this time.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 7:57 p.m.

Motion: Linda Frye

Seconded: Louise Belisle

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, July 16, 2012